

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requests correction of the claim identifiers as presented in the Amendment document filed on June 18, 2004. In actuality, the amendment copy so presented on June 18, 2004, was a copy of Applicants' response (headed "Communication In Response to Non-Final Office Action") as long previously-filed, i.e. on November 21, 2003.

In any event, as requested, Applicants have now corrected the claim identifiers (from "Previously Amended" to "Previously Presented", in the places where needed). Thus, Applicants have hereby submitted a corrected replacement amendment and rendered the response compliant with the Office's Rules.

Further, as explained fully in Applicants' Response to Non-Final Office Action and Record of Telephone Interview, filed June 18, 2004, along with the various copy attachments thereto, Applicants have fully responded to the first Office Action. Thus, Applicants still await a proper fully analyzed second Office Action, regarding all the currently-pending twenty claims (rather than addressing new claims 15-20, as occurred with the second Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, which in fact was merely a duplicate of the first Office Action).

Hence, with the foregoing correction to the claim identifiers, it is understood that Applicants are in full compliance with the prior Office Action, and further, now await a prompt entry by the Examiner of a substantive second Office Action. Upon receipt of same, Applicants will kindly prepare and file a response, as needed. Further, this memorializes that on August 19, 2004, the undersigned conferred by telephone with Examiner Paradiso, who indicated that, upon his receipt of the present Response, he would promptly attend to preparing and entering a substantive second Office Action in this case. At that time, he again acknowledged the original inadvertent error where the Office sent out a duplicate of the original Office Action.

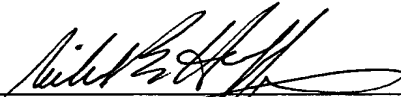
Thus, such a second substantive Office Action is now respectfully requested.

It is believed by Applicants that no fees are necessary for this response;
however, should the Office believe otherwise, then the Director is authorized to charge our
Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30051/38200.

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Respectfully submitted,

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